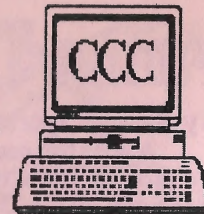


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President's Thoughts

By Rex Lawson

The April club meeting is coming up and I would like to ask all of our club members to try and make a special effort to attend. We will be voting on By-Law amendments and new club officers for the next year. Nominations for officers will also be accepted from the floor during the April meeting.

We need to have a two thirds majority of paid members present or have their proxy. A proxy will be printed in the newsletter for those who cannot attend the meeting. So, if you cannot attend, try to get your proxy to another member or officer so they can place your vote at the meeting.

looking forward to seeing you there.

Meeting Information

Date: Monday April 12, 1993

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: O.G.&E. Service Center, 6801 Rogers Ave. (Across from Harps)

Demo: To be announced. This meeting we will vote for officers and take care of some by-law amendments and other urgent club business. Time allowing Mark will demonstrate another club special. Also if you have software you need help with, bring it.

Desktop Publishing Hints

By Ross Zammuto

Did you know that type is measured vertically in points, and line lengths are measured in picas? Of course you can measure lines and page elements other than type in inches as well, but because type size and line length are so interrelated, it is useful to become comfortable with pica and to be able to visualize in that system of measure. If you have not worked with points and pica before, you will soon appreciate the small unit of measure this system provides: 12 points = 1 pica; 6 picas = 1 inch.

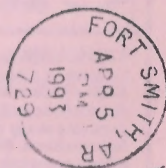
To measure type in printed samples, you need a type gauge, a special ruler with several slots running for most of its length and various sizes (usually ranging from 5 or 6 to 15 points) marked along the sides of different slots. You can buy a type gauge in any art supply store; they're very inexpensive. When using a type gauge, keep in mind that the conversion from picas to inches is slightly different from that on the computer: 6 picas (72 points) is 0.996 inches on a traditional type ruler; the conversion has been rounded off in most desktop publishing systems, where the 72 dots per inch resolution of many monitors converts so easily to 72 points to the inch. (SOURCE: March 1993 The Hardcopy, Commodore Club of Rockford, IL)

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Amiga Thoughts

By Steve Caperton

A year has come and gone since we moved the Commodore Club meetings to the O G & E Service Center. As I reflect on the past year I see our club continue to dwindle. There are as many reasons for that as leaves on a tree. I do not think looking back and worrying about our past will do us any good. I do think we should look forward and set some goals for the next year. No one has ever moved forward if they didn't know where forward was.

I foresee a group of people rediscovering the C64, C128 and the AMIGA computer and finding uses they never thought possible. I hope that many of those 64's and 128's will be dragged out of the closets and put to good use. I do see a trend of different types of computers blending together in their various uses. There are many conversion programs out now that allows files (picture, text, and sound files) to be interchanged between different brand computers. I am seeing more and more of this type of thinking starting to show up in our meetings. Maybe you should show up this month and present that great idea you have been keeping to yourself...

Be sure to
VOTE!

Automatic Run For C-64 By Byron Wilke (Sept 92 CUGOS Clipper)

Ever load a program, sit and wait for the ready prompt to come up, then enter RUN? Now you can run the program automatically. Type 'LOAD "program name",8' but don't press RETURN, instead press 'Shift' and 'RUN/STOP' together.

This does not work on a C-128.

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Financial Statement
Ending March, 1993

INCOME RECEIVED:

Membership:.....	\$ 51.00
Library:.....	0.00
Special Events:.....	0.00

DEPOSIT:.....	\$ 51.00
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TOTAL	\$ 51.00
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Newsletter:.....	\$ 0.00
Postage:.....	0.00
Telephone:.....	0.00
P.O. Box Rent:.....	49.00

TOTAL	\$ 49.00
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Ending Cash:.....	341.92

BREAKDOWN ENDING CASH:

General:.....	\$ 141.92
BBS:.....	200.00
Special:.....	0.00

TOTAL	\$ 341.92
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DATE : March, 1993
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Secretary's Report

By Basil Kyriakakis

by Tom Goins

The minutes were not available for the last meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.

At the officers meeting on March 16th, we had quite a discussion about the future of the club. We want to try and keep it going even though our membership keeps declining. We talked about how to get new members and that there are lots of Commodores sitting in closets not getting used. We talked about the upcoming elections and about the possibility of cutting the amount of officers down. I order for that to be done, we will have to have a change in the by-laws. Another thing that has been happening is the officers are supposed to get free membership. That is in the by-laws, but they have been paying dues to help the club meet it's obligations. We will vote for an ammendment change to that effect.

The following are the two sections in the by-laws we will be voting on at the April meeting. The wording may be changed at the meeting, but this is the proposals:

Article III Membership
(paragraph 3)

The Officers to be elected are: (1) President (2) Vice President (3) Secretary (4) Treasurer (5) Editor (6) Librarian (7) Sysop. All Officers shall serve as

Trustees, and, the previous two presidents shall also serve as Trustees. In the absence of one or both previous presidents, the general membership shall elect replacement trustees to serve part or all of the terms of office of the absent member. (To add): In the event the membership of the club falls below (xx), the officers to be elected will be (1) President (2) Secretary (3) Treasurer. These officers and the previous two presidents shall serve as Trustees. The positions of Editor, Librarian and Sysop will be appointed by the Trustees with approval of the membership.

The other change will be in Article IV section 5 the last sentence. All Trustees shall be entitled to membership in the club without charge. (To add) In the event the membership of the club falls below (xx), the Trustees will pay membership dues.

Where (xx) is, the number will be decided at the meeting. The present board felt it was necessary for these changes to take place for the benefit of the club. In the event that our membership will again climb, the by-laws will probably be changed again to the former state.

We hope to continue with the growth of the club, and hope these changes, if approved, will be a step in the right direction.

Please attend and voice your opinion and VOTE your feelings.

Commodores Are Great

By Jackie Cunningham (CUGOS member)

It's been almost a year now since I obtained my first Commodore computer. I had no idea then what I was getting into... some frustrations, much time spent learning the very basics (which I have yet to master, I think!), many hours of "computerizing" -- and all, in all, lots of fun and enjoyment.

A whole new world seems to have opened up to me since the time I brought that C-64 home. But, alas, within a few months I found myself becoming discontent with my particular computer... the keyboard was not as responsive to my typing as I like, and as I do much typing on the computer, I felt I needed something that would not hinder me in my letter-writing. I began to keep my eyes open for another set up, and eventually a C-128 came my way at a very good price.

I was thrilled with the responsive keyboard and what I consider other advantages to the 128! (Although a good cleaning may have taken care of the 64's keyboard, I'm glad to have become the owner of a 128!)

I use the computer daily for various uses, from letter-writing and record keeping to games and educational programs for my children. Very recently I entered into a new dimension... that of telecommunication! Being a beginner in this with such little (no!) knowledge of this area, I

have appreciated the help of several club members in getting me started and helping me to learn more. It is wonderful being a part of a club which has such helpful members with a wealth of knowledge! I wonder if we as members realize what a good thing we have here! And those of us who are "beginners" like me reap the most benefits, but hopefully all of us can glean from what the club has to offer and in turn, can contribute something also.

Back to telecommunications ... if it weren't for Bill Patrick, I would still be completely in the dark on getting on line and figuring out what to do once I got there! He is to be commended for his willingness to help and all the extra effort he has taken to solve problems, answer questions, contact others when needed and for his extreme patience in doing all of this! Many thanks to him. (Editor's note: Bill Patrick is secretary of CUGOS of Springfield, IL)

Within only the past few weeks, I have been able to log on various BBS's, read and post messages, download and upload files, and gain quite a bit more knowledge than I had a month or two ago! To those more experienced in this area, all this may seem simple, but to one just starting out, it can be quite an ordeal at times! For the most part, though, it has been loads of fun! It was a neat experience to log on and be able to "chat" with the

sysop for the first time... to realize a commodore could hook up to an IBM board and download ASCII files, to leave messages and have replies waiting after logging on the next time. It has been great!

I look forward to learning more and being able to do more while online. I would like to encourage all those out there who have thought about getting into communications, to try it out and enter another level of computing on the Commodore. It's a good means of contacting other Commodore users, sharing information, asking questions, and obtaining new programs! And there's so much more I have yet to tap into... Happy computing.

(SOURCE: March 1993 CUGOS Clipper, newsletter of Commodore User Group of Springfield, IL)



From the Editor My Computers Use

by Tom Goins

I have found lots of uses for my computer. I started out with a C-64 which I used from early 1985 until late 1991 when I got my Amiga. I used my 64 for lots of word processing and spreadsheets. My daughter used it for homework and doing reports on the word processor. We both used it for the graphics from Printmaster and Print Shop. They were great. We also used it for telecommunicating on the local BBS's and Q-Link.

I have been interested in desktop publishing for quite some time. I was thrilled to get the Amiga for that purpose. It is great for that purpose and my daughter uses it for her reports and graphics and music with Deluxe Music Constructin Set.

My main use is the publishing of the club newsletter and doing some record keeping on it. I also enjoy writing music and doing drawings with paint programs. Margaret, my daughter, also uses it for telecommunicating to GENIE for gathering material from Grolliers for reports and projects. I also use it for downloading utilities, music, programs and gathering information for the newsletter. Telecommunicating is one of the benefits of having a computer. With it you can chat with friends who have computers, locally or cross country.

Well I am out of room for now so see you at the meeting.

What I Use My Commodore For!

By Evan Kinsinger (CUGOS member)

I joined or local Commodore Group last August and although I have only been able to attend 3 meetings I have found them to be very informative. I also enjoy reading the Newsletter, it contains a lot of useful information.

Not only am I a relatively new member, I am also fairly new at using a Commodore computer. I purchased my first one in June of 1992 at a garage sale and then a few weeks later I bought another one from a friend to get a color monitor. Time constraints don't allow me to use it as much as I want, but I do use it for some word processing. My word processor is Word Writer. I also play some games and make party banners with the Print Shop. Somehow I managed to accumulate quite a number of disks so I have just recently completed cataloging them using the Disk Master Program.

(SOURCE: March 1993 CUGOS Clipper, Newsletter of Commodore Users Group of Springfield, IL)

XPK

a new pd compression scheme

by Mike Wagman

One of the greatest features of the Amiga is its ability to work modems, copy files, and make music (among other things) without much involvement from the CPU. XPK puts the CPU back into the process. What is XPK? It is a packer library. How can it be used? As a archiver such as lharc; with a hard drive back-

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up giving 40% + compression (42 and 44 in my case); or mounted over a device so that it will automatically pack/unpack all files on it.

On an unaccelerated Amiga the compression scheme I find most useful is called "nuke". "Nuke" compresses at approximately 10K per second and unpacks at about 55K per second. On an accelerated Amiga it likely that floppy access is quicker, as the file crunches faster than it saves. Compression in many cases is comparable to lharc. The only bug I have found is that it occasionally gives a false "destinatin full" error, then goes ahead and saves it anyway. (March 1993 MCCC News)

Proxy

I hereby certify

to vote for me in the April 12, 1993 club officer election of the Commodore Computer Club. I certify I am a member in good standing of the club located that is in Fort Smith, AR.

Please print name of your choice:

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